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DATE : 10 Oct 61

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1. RE QUOTE WHY HAVE SOVS PLACED SAM DEFENSE AROUND THEIR MRGM/IRGM AND ICBM SITES UNQUOTE. MOST LIKELY REASON IS TO PROTECT LAUNCH SITES AGAINST ATTACK FROM AIRCRAFT. OBVIOUS THAT BY FAR THE MAJOR WEIGHT OF ATTACK FROM WEST FOR YEAR OR MORE WILL BE BY B-47, B-52, AND FIGHTER-BOMBER TYPE AIRCRAFT. MUST REALIZE SOVS HAVE RELATIVELY SHORT RADAR WARNING AND RELATIVE LONG REACTION TIME WITHIN WHICH TO PREPARE AND LAUNCH MRGMs AND ICBMs IF NOT ON ALERT STATUS.

2. SAM CAPABILITY WILL CONTRIBUTE AS A BONUS AGAINST RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT, BUT THIS IS NOT PRIMARY PURPOSE.

3. HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SA-2 SITES REPRESENT EARLY ABM DEPLOYMENT. LITTLE IF ANY EQUIPMENT IN SA-2 SYSTEM/READILY CONVERTED TO ABM PURPOSES. FURTHERMORE, DEPLOYED SA-2 SITES NOT NOW IN OPTIMUM LOCATION FOR ABM PURPOSES.

4. REF 8546: NOTING SANITIZED AS YET. WILL BEGIN PROCESSING.

END OF MESSAGE

NOTE: This has been checked with [] by phone.

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